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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 7.3% IN FIRST HALF OF 1986

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 17 — Airline passenger traffic rose 7.3 percent in the first six months of 1986, compared with the same period last year, and was up 6.4 percent in June, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first six months increased 9.8 percent. Available seat miles were up 13.2 percent. The load factor was 61.0 percent, down from 62.9 percent in the same period a year earlier.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in the first six months was down 3.3 percent. Available seat miles increased by 13.2 percent. The load factor was 55.6 percent, down from 65.2 percent in the first six months of last year.

Domestic passenger traffic in June increased 13.4 percent. Available seat miles rose 26.3 percent. The load factor was 63.5 percent, a decline from 70.8 percent in June a year ago.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in June fell 15.4 percent. Available seat miles rose 1.0 percent. The load factor was 59.0 percent, down from 70.4 percent in the same month last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JUNE 1986 - 1985

		JUNE			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	24,003,746	37,786,577	63.5	131,130,971	214,899,966	61.0
	85	21,174,479	29,921,457	70.8	119,381,379	189,917,154	62.9
PERCENT CHANGE		13.4	26.3		9.8	13.2	
INTERNATIONAL	86	5,698,938	9,662,582	59.0	27,484,983	49,409,324	55.6
	85	6,736,373	9,566,392	70.4	28,437,623	43,629,607	65.2
PERCENT CHANGE		(15.4)	1.0		(3.3)	13.2	
TOTAL	86	29,702,684	47,449,159	62.6	158,615,954	264,309,290	60.0
	85	27,910,852	39,487,849	70.7	147,819,002	233,546,761	63.3
PERCENT CHANGE		6.4	20.2		7.3	13.2	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA.